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CHIANG SENDS SON TO SHANGHAI

H.K.-China Financial Pact Denied

A report that a financial agreement between Hong Kong and China became effective yesterday was described by a Government spokesman as "completely without foundation."

Last Tuesday, the "China Mail" reported exclusively that discussion of technical details for the implementation of the agreement was still in progress.

This was confirmed by Mr. Fisher Yin C. Yu, representative of the Central Bank of China.

Marshal Li Talked To Dr. Soong

Marshal Li Chai-sum, one-time Chief of Staff of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, said yesterday that Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, called on him while paying the return official call on Sir Alexander Grantham.

Marshal Li said that the talk with Dr. Soong was a personal one.

Dr. Soong asked him for his views on the current disorders in Kwangtung.

To this he replied that the three main reasons for conditions in South China were:

- (1) Unchecked inflation.
- (2) Indiscriminate imposition of all kinds of taxes.
- (3) The masses are sick of fighting.

Marshal Li added that he explained to Dr. Soong that Government's policy was to blame for the prevailing conditions and that only a change in policy would provide the remedy.

Dr. Soong, added Marshal Li, replied that he would convey the Marshal's opinions to the Central Government when he visits Nanking and that he hoped Marshal Li would lend his assistance for the good of the nation.

DR. SOONG THANKS H.K. ORGANISATIONS

Governor Dr. T. V. Soong today cabled the General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Kuomintang Headquarters as well as Chinese organisations thanking them for the warm hospitality accorded him during his recent official visit to Hong Kong.

Governor Soong's messages were transmitted through Mr. T. W. Kwok, the Chinese Foreign Ministry's Special Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi.—Central News.

GUN BATTLE STAGED NEAR H.K. SHIP

Canton reports yesterday said that when the s.s. "Wu Such" was on its voyage to Canton on Thursday night, shots were exchanged between a Customs launch and a landing craft, which later disappeared in the darkness.

Canton press reports theorised the landing craft may have been manned by pirates, who have practically stalemated the Hong Kong-Canton Shipping Company activities with extortion threats.

The "Wu Such" was signalled to stop by a Chinese Customs launch.

The vessel started slowing down, but instead of coming alongside, Chinese Customs launch passed the "Wu Such."

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New "Austerity" Drive Special Economic Measures Forecast

Shanghai, Dec. 1. Chiang Kai-shek's eldest son, Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo, will take over command of Shanghai's economic war against the Communists, the Chinese Press reported today.

It said Chiang's Russian-educated son will direct enforcement of special economic measures designed to counteract Red attempts to cause economic collapse in Nationalist China and suppress black-market activities, which were blamed for causing inflation.

General Chiang will have at his disposal the Shanghai Woosung Garrison Command, City Government and the Central Bank of China to enforce economic measures.

Young Chiang's arrival in Shanghai has already been reflected on the money black market.

Chinese currency recovered 15,000 points from 140,000 to one at opening this morning to 125,000 to one by afternoon.

Young Chiang is Russian educated. He won a name as an able administrator when he was the District Commissioner in Kiangsi Province some years ago.

One phase of his proposed measures has already been enforced — the suspension of all loans by national banks in order to reduce the amount of idle capital for speculative purposes, but it will probably soon be extended to prohibit overdrafts by commercial banks.

The second phase calling for the rigid control over all the daily necessities in order to prevent speculative transactions in these goods, is expected to be put into force shortly.

It was reported tonight that the garrison headquarters in a preliminary drive against hoarders, have already made several arrests.

The Municipal Government will intensify its control over the activities of firms and shops in the city, and the Garrison headquarters will take over the responsibility of supervising dealings in the various markets here.

Ten thousand economic police will be mobilised this week to check the threatening trend of market speculations and manipulations.

Assembly

Meanwhile, a Nanking Government spokesman said that every effort was being made to suppress the black market.

The Finance Ministry already has drafted new anti-smuggling regulations, laying down stiff penalties and prison punishment for smugglers.

The regulations have now been submitted to the Legislative Yuan for legislation.

Strengthening of the Government's preventive service is expected shortly with anti-smuggling, and as customs agreements, which are now under negotiation with the Hong Kong Government.

Envoy

The Government has decided to send a high official, Mr. Hung Yeh-ping, a member of the National Economic Council, to Canton and Hong Kong to investigate economic situation.

Mr. Huang is scheduled to leave for Canton in a few days. It is pointed out the Government's Foreign Exchange regulations, announced on August 10, created an open market foreign exchange rate but they have failed to attract overseas Chinese to send their remittances at the official rates.

This loss of foreign exchange and the reduction of customs revenues due to smuggling of imports have led many official quarters to suggest major changes in the Government's current economic policy.

"Relaxation"

The Central Daily News, which usually reflects the official opinion, said the Government's control of exports and imports and foreign exchange is relaxed.

The paper, in a long editorial, analyses the smuggling situation and says that smuggling, unlike previous times, is not undertaken to evade customs duties but to avoid the Government's rigid import and export controls and foreign exchange rate.

It said the imports permitted by the Government were insufficient to meet Chinese demands so that merchants were induced to smuggle more supplies into the country.—United Press.

Chinese Reds Press Hard On Yuan Shih

Shanghai, Dec. 1. While the situation at Hopen's provincial capital of Paoing eased somewhat today the fall of the rail junction of Yuan Shih, south of Shih-chachwang, is expected momentarily, following the success of the besieging Communists in gaining a foothold inside the city.

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H.K. To Float \$150m. Rehabilitation Loan

The Hong Kong Government is to float a loan of \$150,000,000 "for the general rehabilitation of the public services of the Colony following a period of enemy occupation."

The loan bill, details of which have not yet been released, will be laid before the Legislative Council at its meeting tomorrow, when it will have its first reading.

The rehabilitation loan covers charges already incurred, as well as expenditure to come, and will probably be spent over a period of four or five years.

Original estimate of the total costs of rehabilitation of the public services was \$205,487,000.

Of this figure, construction and repairs of buildings (\$51,808,000), pre-occupation and occupation claims (\$50,000,000), miscellaneous public works (\$39,179,000) and rehabilitation of the Railway (\$30,000,000) were the main items.

Estimated expenditure on other rehabilitation measures was:

- Waterworks (\$5,000,000)
- Medical Services (\$4,000,000)
- Education (\$4,000,000)
- Motor transport (\$3,000,000)
- Telecommunications (\$2,000,000)
- Miscellaneous (\$2,000,000)
- Agriculture, forestry and gardens (\$1,500,000)
- Air and meteorological services (\$1,000,000)
- Police and office equipment and furniture (\$1,000,000)

China Makes Plans To Fight Smuggling Racket

Nanking, Dec. 1. The Chinese Government is planning new measures to fight smuggling in Central and South China, including probable major changes of the Government's present export-import and foreign exchange control policy, which the official Central Daily News criticised as the main incentive of the illegal trade, a reliable source said today.

Financial and economic authorities in Nanking are at present paying close attention to smuggling.

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Refugees

Meanwhile, a Tsingtao despatch says refugees from civil war battle areas in Shantung have infiltrated Tsingtao and have forced open and occupied temples, schools, factories, warehouses, even private homes.

A wealthy Chinese returning home found the ground floor of his house occupied by dozens of refugees.

Police were unable to evict them.

More than 100 squatters moved into the famous Chanshan Buddhist Temple overlooking the Pacific.

Another 100 forced upon dormitories of the Tsingtao District Court and squatted there.

Police had no sooner tossed them out than a band of hoodlums took over.

They were still there.—Reuters, A.P. and Associated Press.

ARABS SAY PALESTINE PARTITION MEANS WAR Moslem States Register Protest

Jerusalem, Dec. 1. The Arab Higher Committee today declared that the United Nations' partition of Palestine was a "declaration of war." Authorities fear new outbreaks of violence which have already cost 14 lives.

Dr. Hussein Khaldi, Secretary General of the Arab Higher Committee, announced after conferring for nine hours with colleagues: "We never wanted to be aggressors but we are willing to fight for every inch of our country, which may lead to tragedy for the entire Middle East."

"We believed in American justice but we never imagined Jewish vote counted more with President Truman," the Doctor added.

"A crusade of Islam is under way. We are prepared to meet the challenge."

As an immediate means of protest, the Arab Higher Committee ordered a general strike of Palestine's 1,000,000 Arabs, beginning Thursday and lasting through Thursday.

Calvo Protest

Meanwhile, in Calvo, University and secondary school students paraded through main streets today in peaceful but loud demonstration, demanding a "Palestine for the Arabs."

The students were followed by three trucks loaded with steel helmeted Police.

The demonstrators shouted: "Down with imperialism" and "Down with America."

Shopkeepers along the route of march immediately shuttered their windows in expectation of trouble, but the students passed peacefully by.

The Lebanese Communist Party issued a pamphlet today siding with the Arabs over partition and "condemning its 'traditional policy of fighting British and French imperialism'."

The pamphlet said the Communists were ready to "fight for Palestine's liberation from Zionist imperialism" as a link in the struggle for the liberation of the Arab world.

Moslem League Members Were Stoned

Asmara, Dec. 1. A crowd of 3,000 at Teramini, demonstrating for a union of Eritrea with Ethiopia, today stoned a counter demonstration of Moslem League members and injured 16 slightly.

Teramini, 24 miles from Asmara, is in the chiefly Copt populated district of Serae, now being toured by the investigation Commission of the Foreign Ministers' deputies considering the disposal of former Italian colonies in North Africa.

Native police arrested three members of the crowd which shouted: "Long live Haile Selassie and give us Ethiopian unity."—United Press.

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The Weather

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Pressure is also high over North Japan. Depressions are moving ENE across Korea at the Korean Strait.

A weak tropical depression is moving NW across Central Luzon.

Today's Forecast—Frisch—northerly winds, fair, cooler.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 22.6 deg. Fah. Minimum 14.8 deg. Fah. Sunshine 12.1 hours. Rainfall 0.1 in.

24-hour summary—101.4 deg. Fahrenheit average of 31.2 deg. Fahrenheit. Wind 10.1 mph. Rain 0.1 in.

Bar. at sea level—1013.5 mm. Hg. Humidity 75%. Clouds 100%.

Sea Point—21.0 deg. Fahrenheit. Wind 10.1 mph. Rain 0.1 in.

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Pope On Sanctity Of Worship

Rome, Nov. 30. The Pope today issued an Encyclical letter, which, entirely religious in character, treats designedly of the sanctity of interior and exterior worship intimately connected with the profession of faith, the practice of virtue and the true devotion of the faithful.

The present encyclical can be called, in its sense, an encyclical on the holy avoidance of "exaggeration in the mystic body of Christ, it was authoritatively learned here.

The encyclical is divided into four parts: 1.—The nature and origin of the development of the liturgy. In this are the most important paragraphs dealing with the avoidance of exaggeration, the so-called objective-subjective devotion, sacerdotal dignity and due reverence for antiquity.

2.—The worship of the Blessed Eucharist, participation of the faithful in the Holy Sacrifice, Holy Communion and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 3.—Treatises on divine office, the liturgical year, the cycle of saints' feasts.

4.—A pastoral exhortation to meditation, examination of the conscience, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, making novenas and keeping the months in honour of the Sacred Heart of the Blessed Virgin.

Although the encyclical is addressed to the whole Catholic Church, it speaks for practical reasons, almost exclusively of the liturgy of the Latin Church.—Reuter.

Moscow, Dec. 1. The magazine Party Life reported today that the Communist parties in Italy and China were the largest outside the Soviet Union. Membership was placed at more than 2,000,000 for each country.—Associated Press.

ARABS GETTING RESTIVE

Bitterness Over Palestine Decision

Shorter Hours For Pilots

LONDON, DEC. 1. AIRCRAFT FATIGUE AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE OF AIR CRASHES WILL BE ELIMINATED BY NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE NUMBER OF HOURS TRANSPORT COMMAND FLYERS MAY SPEND IN THE AIR, THE AIR-MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

In future the flying personnel of the Transport Command must not exceed 1,000 flying hours a year; 800 hours in three months or 120 hours in one month. The new regulations have been drawn up in consultation with flying doctors who are attached to the Transport Command.

Transport Command crews must not normally be out of bed for more than 16 hours out of any 24 and if any slight or unexpected delay prevents this, their rest must be made up.—Reuter.

U.S. Legation Set On Fire

CAIRO, NOV. 30. With Arab bitterness mounting in the Middle East, Syrian demonstrators set fire to the United States Legation in Damascus today and the Arab League Secretary-General declared his people will never permit the United Nations to partition Palestine.

The demonstrators also attacked and damaged the French Legation and clashed with members of the Syrian Communist Party at a Soviet cultural centre building.

The Arab Higher Executive called tonight for a three day general strike of all Palestine Arabs, beginning on Tuesday. An Executive communiqué labelled Nov. 29 a "day of mourning and tyranny," called on the Arabs to intensify their boycott of Jewish goods and termed "any association with Jews 'high treason and crime against country and religion.'"

At Acre prison in Northern Palestine guards opened fire when Arab prisoners attacked Jewish inmates. Sixteen Arabs were wounded slightly.

Hagana, the Jewish underground Army whose strength is estimated at between 50,000 and 70,000, called for mobilisation of all men and women from 17 to 35 to begin on Dec. 5 for special Hagana security ranks. In addition, Hagana called for all men 25 to 45 to enlist for home guard duty to protect settlements and villages.

Will Fight

A reliable source said King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia had agreed to contribute the oil revenues of his kingdom—paid to him by American oil companies and estimated at US\$18,000,000 a year—to support Arab military forces to fight partition. There was no indication that the Arabs planned immediate military action.

In Damascus, 6,000 youths, dominated by Moslem Brotherhood members, marched to Government House and asked for arms and a Jihad (Holy War). Premier Jamil Mardam Bey told them that "President (Shukri) al Kuwari approves your demands because partition threatens not only Syrian independence but the very being of all Arab nations."

In Cairo, Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League representing seven Arab countries with a population of 33,000,000, told newsmen the U.N. decision would resist "by force" and added, "I cannot say where and when I will place my troops, I can only say we will fight and are preparing for victory."

There was speculation that the Arabs might await the scheduled departure of British forces from the Holy Land by next August before taking organised military action. Some Arab informants expressed the belief that the Egyptian, Syrian and Lebanese armies would be charged with holding the southern and northern borders of Palestine while guerrilla bands aided by the Arab states would strike at the Zionists.

Life And Death

"The time now is not for speeches and talk," said Azzam Pasha. "It is a question of life and death. We never wanted violence or wars. We

PORTUGUESE TRAWLERS IN DANGER

Lisbon, Nov. 30. Two Portuguese trawlers, with 42 men aboard one, are in danger in the Atlantic owing to a heavy storm, according to an SOS picked up here today.

A British ship and two Portuguese cargo ships, the Africa Occidental and the Mossamedes, were reported to be searching for the trawlers.—Reuter.

Round-Up Of Germans

Hamburg, Nov. 30. The British-licensed newspaper Telegraf, quoted by the German news service in the British zone, today claimed that 3,000 inhabitants of Mecklenburg, in the Soviet zone, had received orders to make ready within a few hours to leave for Annaberg uranium mines, in Erzgebirge, Saxony.

The province's labour exchanges been ordered by the provincial Government of Mecklenburg to carry-out a new recruiting campaign for the uranium mines.

It was not exceptional for more than 90 per cent of the men so drafted to escape on the way and go "underground," the paper added.—Reuter.

PERSIAN CRISIS OVER SOVIET NOTE

Teheran, Nov. 30. An urgent and secret meeting of the Persian Cabinet to face what political quarters here consider was an impending crisis over the Soviet reaction to the rejection by the Persian Parliament of the Soviet-Persian oil agreement of 1946 was called today by the Prime Minister, Ghassem Es Sultaneh.

The oil agreement, signed with Soviet troops still occupying parts of Persia, was recently rejected by the Persian Majlis, an action which was vigorously condemned in a Soviet note and in Moscow press and radio comment.

A special secret session of the Majlis has also been called-for today.

A sudden renewal of activities by the Communist Tudeh Party, which at one time supported the separatist movement in Azerbaijan, had added to the uneasiness felt in Persian political circles.

Cabinet Change?

Opposition leaders said today that the violent Moscow Radio campaign against the Premier, who signed the 1946 oil agreement, might culminate in a complete change of Government, with Fakher Heikmat, the present leader of the Majlis, becoming Premier.

Fakher Heikmat, who recently had a difference of opinion with Ghassem Es Sultaneh, has openly expressed his willingness to accept the Premiership.

However, the Premier still has a majority in the Majlis and his followers declared: "There is nobody in the whole of Persia capable of replacing Ghassem."

Swing To Left

The newspaper Democratic Iran, belonging to Ghassem's Democrat Party, today printed a leading article which appeared to indicate a sudden turn to the left.

It warned patriots against "the danger of the totalitarian system set up by the reactionaries to scratch the last bit of freedom in Persia."

Asked about the article, Ghassem declared he had "never seen it," never heard of it and never read it.—Reuter.

Communist Menace To China

SHANGHAI, DEC. 1. AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF SHANGHAI FOR ALL-OUT SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CAMPAIGN TO WIPE OUT THE COMMUNISTS WAS MADE BY GENERAL WU TEH-CHEN, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE KUOMINTANG PARTY AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN, WHEN HE ERECTED A WAR MEMORIAL, IN HONOUR OF SHANGHAI CHINESE WHO HAD DIED FIGHTING THE JAPANESE, HERE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

He said that the Communists were the most dangerous and destructive element in the country today. "If we don't crush the rebellion, these armed hordes will not only endanger China but will be a menace to peace and order in the Far East."

General Wu said that, whatever outside assistance China may obtain, "we must go forward with the struggle to eradicate this peril."

"Unless we get rid of this evil force, China will be under the constant threat of becoming another power politics."

"We know that the Chinese Communists are resorting to hit and run tactics, destroying, looting, pillaging and impoverishing the countryside whenever they go."

"Although we have comparative peace and order here, we cannot permit one-fifth of the country to be despoiled by the Reds and the sufferings of the people made more unbearable."—Reuter.

MALTA FOOD SUBSIDIES

London, Nov. 30. Mr. Paul Boffa, the Prime Minister of Malta, left London by air today for Malta following talks with British officials on the proposed cut in food subsidies to Malta.

Maltese Government officials said today that "the Prime Minister has been very busy during his brief stay, paying the way for a Maltese Government delegation which is coming to London in a month's time to discuss the food subsidy question."—Reuter.

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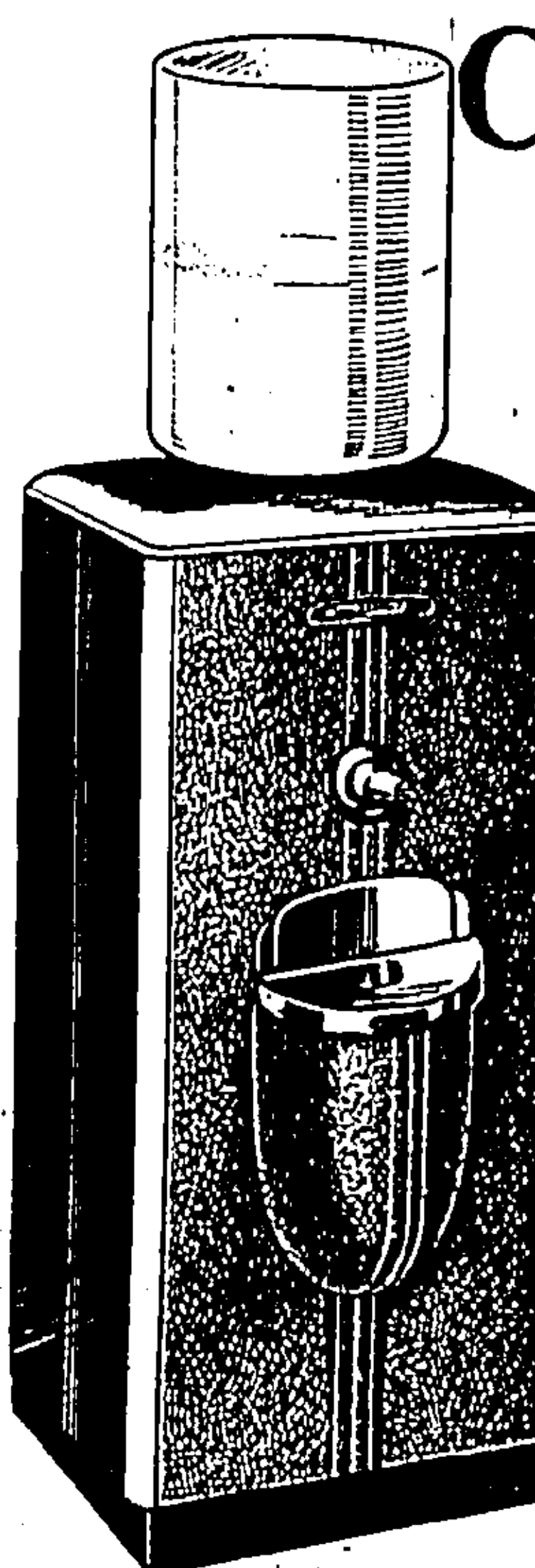
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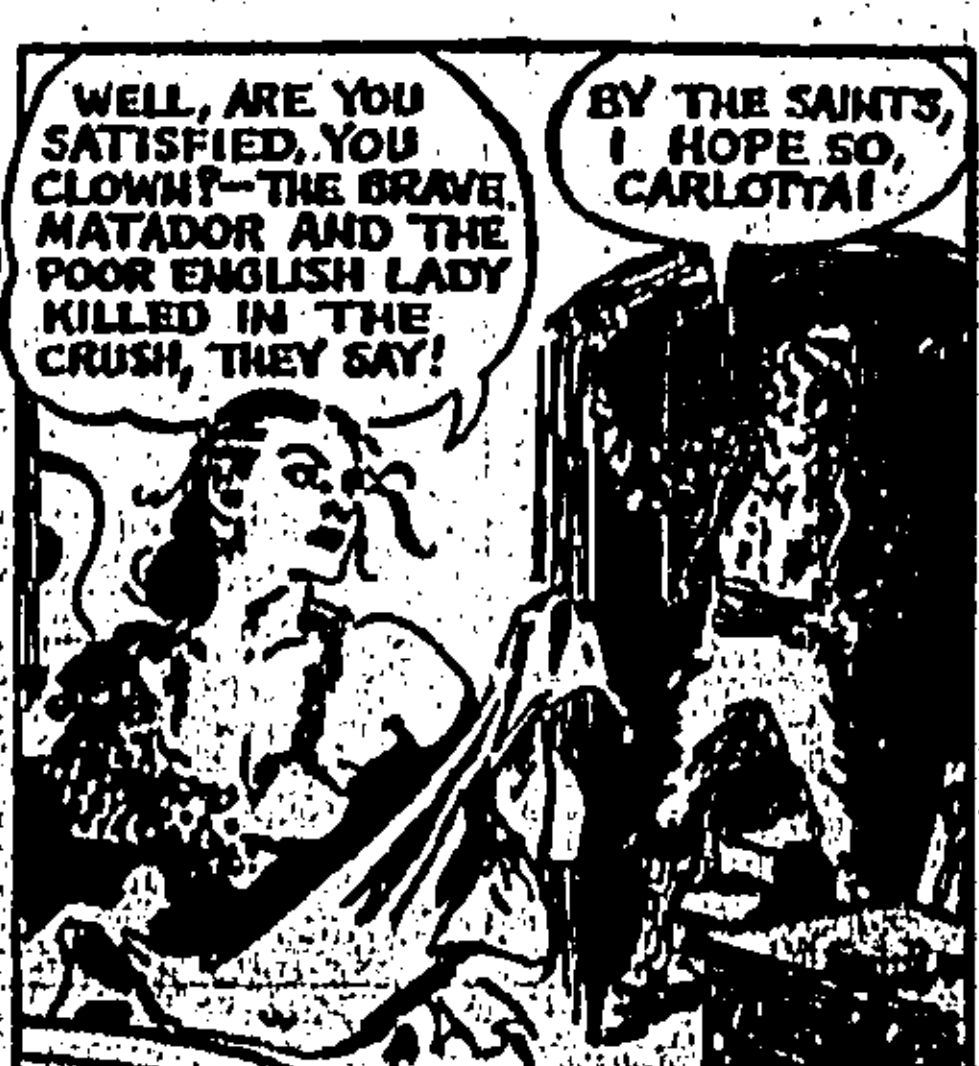
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COMMUNIST FILIBUSTER Delaying Tactics In French Assembly -Negotiations Break Down

Paris, Nov. 30.

The renewed negotiations between the French
Government and the Central Strike Com-
mittee of the General Confederation of La-
bour (the French TUC), whose 2,000,000 wor-
kers are paralysing essential services through-
out the country, broke down tonight.

Simultaneously, the National Assembly, after
sitting almost 35 hours with a short lunch-
interval today, adjourned until tomorrow
without voting the Government's bill, seeking
special powers to deal with the critical situa-
tion.

Throughout the morning the
Communist deputies had delayed
the proceedings by demanding
public votes on the amendments
— the most lengthy method of de-
cision.

Earlier, the Central Strike
Committee of the General Con-
federation of Labour had called
on its members to continue the
strike action.

The members of its 37 unions
were urged to go on with "the
magnificent battle which will
lead to final victory."

"Intolerable Misery"
This call followed the break-
down of earlier negotiations with
the Minister of Labour, M.
Daniel Mayer, after discussions
lasted until early today.

The Committee's statement
said: "The latest Government re-
fusal of essential claims, par-
ticularly the automatic quarterly
revision of wages confirm its in-
tention to reduce the working
class and workers of France to
intolerable misery."

After the discussions, M. Leon
Joux, head of the non-Com-
munist minority of the CGT, told
journalists that the main obstacle

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Twenty-fifth Ordinary
Meeting of the Shareholders will
be held at noon, on Wednesday,
the 17th day of December, 1947,
in the Company's Hong Kong
Office, 2nd Floor, St. George's
Building, Chater Road, Victoria,
Hong Kong, for the purpose of

1. Receiving a Statement of
Accounts and Report of the
Directors for the year end-
ed 30th September, 1947.
2. To elect two Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and
fix their remuneration.
4. To confirm the Interim
Dividend of 35 cents per
share and to sanction the
recommendation of the
Directors as to the pay-
ment of a final dividend of
\$1.00 per share in respect
of fully paid shares and a
proportionate amount in
respect of partly paid
shares, less tax deductible
under the Inland Revenue
Ordinance, 1947.

The Transfer Books and Re-
gister of Shareholders will be
closed as from 8th December,
1947, to the 20th December,
1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
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P. W. A. WOOD,
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1947.

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Acheson's Warning

San Francisco, Dec. 1.
The former U.S. Under-Secre-
tary of State, Dean Acheson,
warned today that skimping on
the Marshall Plan will inevit-
ably throw to the Communists
the reins of political and econ-
omic control over Western
Europe.

The only way to avoid that
was to provide the necessary
aid even if it meant clamping
on distribution and export con-
trols at home, he said.

Mr. Acheson said candidly
that there "is no guarantee of

BEDBUGS BEGAN FIRE

Bangkok, Nov. 30.

A fire, started by a person who
lit a candle to look for bedbugs
or mosquitoes, destroyed ten
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1 " Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Champagne	
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PAULIE KOSLOF.—The engagement is announced of Mr. David A. Paulie of Shanghai to Miss Irene E. Koslof of Hong Kong.

PALESTINE THREAT

Saturday's decision by the General Assembly of the United Nations in favour of the partition of Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish States, linked by an economic union, affords no greater surprise than the exultation voiced by world Jewry over the result. What is to be sincerely hoped is that these triumphant trumpets are not tragically premature. Partition is no new idea, and there is no reason whatever to assess the scheme approved by the Assembly as superior to the proposals of the Peel Commission. That particular solution was found to be unacceptable to Jews and Arabs, both, and it is already obvious that whatever the Zionists may think of the UN plan, it will be opposed by the Arabs to the bitter end. The Americans, who have been primarily responsible for pushing the scheme through to a favourable vote, have given open expression to the opinion that the Arabs, making a violent noise, have been bluffing, and that the making of a clear-cut decision would speedily demonstrate that their bark is worse than their bite. Events may, of course, so prove, but the significance of the Hagana mobilisation order is unmistakable, and the capacity of the Arabs for creating chaos in the Middle East it would be stupid to disregard. The situation, in fact, is so potentially charged with so much explosive matter that Britain appears to be placed in the desperate position of trying to reconcile her determination to abandon the mandate and go early, with the necessity of avoiding any imputation of responsibility for the chaos that threatens. Grimest of the facts that have to be faced is that which indicates that if the storm is to break it will break soon, long before Britain has an opportunity of withdrawing her control, military and administrative, and long before any agency which the United Nations may set up to take over Palestine during the "transitional" period, is likely to become effective or efficient. The United Nations, with American guidance and Soviet support, have, in fact, shown far more promptitude in agreeing upon partition than in preparing for the consequences. It is one thing to proclaim the future status of Palestine; another to provide the administration, supplemented by the requisite force, to which Britain can transfer the authority for imposing a new regime against Arab recalcitrance. Those who have been most prone to criticise Britain's conduct of the mandate and whose actions or attitude have contributed directly or indirectly to the present situation, have displayed marked reluctance to accept responsibility themselves now that the necessity has become urgent. The appointment of Bolivia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Panama and the Philippines to the "United Nations Commission which will take over Palestine when the British withdraw" is almost an affront to Great Britain, for it seems to imply one of two things, either that at his word when he asserted that Britain was not prepared to see things through if the scheme did not prove mutually acceptable to Jews and Arabs, or there is a cynical acceptance of the position that now looms, that Britain will find herself irrevocably committed before there is a chance of laying down the mandate peacefully. Throughout the discussions at Lake Success there has not been a single hint by the United States that she would be willing to pourport into Palestine to guarantee the maintenance of order, though such a step might have been regarded as a

WORLD SPOTLIGHT

LIGHTING CONTINENTS BY RADIO WAVES

Arthur Morley, Brisbane.

A British-born scientist who claims that he can turn night into day by making the upper air glow has appealed to the Commonwealth Government for assistance in his researches.

Professor Victor A. Bailey, Professor of Physics at Sydney University and formerly of Oxford believes he has discovered means of bombarding the upper atmosphere with a certain type of wave, similar to some radio waves, causing the billions of particles in the atmosphere to glow.

He believes that it will prove possible to dispense with electric and gas lighting and that whole cities and continents will be lit at night by its intensity required. The centres of cities could be bright and the suburbs dim to assist sleeping.

When Professor Bailey was in England in 1937, he enlisted the aid of the B.B.C. in obtaining the use of a dozen British and Continental radio stations for his experiments. He claims that results obtained then clearly proved that the sky could be made to glow over

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They Prefer British

J.L. Hays, Jerusalem.

Palestine's Chief Justice, Sir William Fitzgerald, has been touring his courts, urging magistrates and officials to expedite jurisdiction in pending cases "so as not to leave any loose ends when the British withdraw."

Sir William tells me that since Mr. Creech gave UNO a blunt assurance that Britain is determined to get out of Palestine, whatever UNO decides, his courts have been suddenly flooded with new cases.

A nice tribute to British justice," commented Sir William.

In the meantime, Jewish newspapers seem anxious about the future of the courts. The "Palestine Post" declared recently, "However fast the judges may work new cases are being entered daily—so how can their work be finished? Only when a time limit is set by Britain or UNO can an attempt be made to conclude current business."

Paint Brush Duel

Hugo Kuranda, Lausanne.

A "life and death" duel with paint brushes as weapons—has just been fought here by two painters who felt that their honour could be vindicated only by a duel, yet bore in mind the fact that duelling with lethal weapons is a criminal offence in Switzerland. In a little wood the fighters met at dawn, accompanied by their seconds, who carried the weapons: two big pails full of coloured liquid and two brushes fixed at the point of six-foot poles.

Soon the battle was in progress, one daubing the other with bright red, and the other retaliating with shining blue. When his pole broke, one duellist went all out. Grasping his still half-full bucket, he dumped it right over the other's head, nearly choking him in the process. The referee then declared him the winner.

After an hour's serious washing the fighters celebrated their reconciliation—over a pall of local wine.

Nazi Disappears

Antony Terry, Vienna.

Comic opera conditions under which leading Nazi war criminals were "held" have come to light at the trial now in progress of a Vienna policeman, accused of having let S.S. General Franz Richter, formerly Nazi vice-Mayor of Vienna, walk away from a "working party" and disappear in a car. Richter is still at large.

One of the witnesses claimed that after "getting separated" from the "working party," Richter tried to return to the prison, but was turned away by the policeman at the gate, and told not to try any "funny business."

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



Stan Swinton's

Report On French Indo-China

French colonial armies are believed by qualified foreign circles to have badly battered Vietnamese resistance without scoring a definitive victory in their little publicised offensive to reconquer Northern Indochina.

An estimated 40,000 to 60,000 French troops began the offensive on October 7. They have captured most of Tonkin's strategically important towns. But even the French are sharply divided as to the long range importance of their victories.

A French spokesman at Saigon claimed 95 per cent of the Vietnamese arms in North Indochina were captured. He asserted that organised resistance was broken. He claimed President Ho Chi-minh probably would be forced to flee to Siam.

A highly-placed and fully informed source in Hanoi said an important number of arms were captured, but "nowhere near 95 per cent." He said it would be at least another six weeks before the French could tell whether the Vietnamese are incapable of further organised resistance or whether they merely withdrew to the mountains to continue fighting as guerrillas.

Qualified neutral observers believe the Vietnamese have been badly hurt by French successes. But they say the French apparently lack the man power to follow up their initial victories.

These informed sources predict French operations in northern Indochina will slow up in January when low ceilings will endanger air operations. They forecast that by spring Vietnamese resistance will be re-organised and nearly as effective as before the latest French drive.

These reports say the offensive had three purposes—To scatter the Vietnamese Government and disorganise its administrative network; to break up smuggling of arms between China and Vietnam; and to capture the powerful Republican radio.

A secondary objective was to liberate between 200 and 600 French hostages.

This information gleaned from senior French officials and foreign observers indicates this is what the offensive has accomplished to date.

(1) The main roads into China

have been blocked. But a considerable quantity of arms continue to cross the mountainous frontier at points where there are no control posts.

(2) The Vietnamese Government has been scattered. President Ho has not been captured.

(3) A large amount of military supplies has been captured. One senior officer placed the amount to "several tons."

Fully-qualified sources say reports from Paris that 5,000 tons were seized and from Saigon that 500 tons were taken, are largely exaggerations.

(4) A portion of the Vietnam Treasury was captured. This probably amounts to several millions of dollars. Large amounts of tin bars and railway rails, which the Vietnamese planned to trade for Chinese arms, were taken.

(5) The Republican Radio, whose broadcasts have been rallying resistance in Tonkin and Southern Indochina went off the air. More administrative messages are still being intercepted.

(6) The drive failed to liberate the French hostages. Neutral observers say the chief French worry now is what happened to the Vietnam Army. This army called the "Ve Quoc Quan," is estimated to have included 40,000 men. It did not have that many, however. He found it is a ragged "home defence" equivalent to the "Tu Ve." It is roughly equivalent to the Indonesian "Republik's" "Laskar Rakjat." A third unit called the "Milice," is largely an untrained body of saboteurs.

A senior French officer claimed the Ve Quoc Quan was destroyed in the period since December 19, 1946 when the Vietnamese unsuccessfully tried to capture Hanoi.

Other French sources and foreign observers say it is probably still intact somewhere in the mountains. The Vietnamese made their large attack during the French offensive on October 30. They ambushed a convoy, killing 30 French soldiers and 50 native workmen employed by the French.

Another 40 Frenchmen were wounded.

A neutral observer remarked: "That shows they are still not broken up. France has hurt the Vietnamese here in the north. But the odds are ten to one they have not licked them. The peasants are getting tired of the fight gradually. But the native intellectuals, almost to the man, are refusing to collaborate. By spring, I predict, the situation will reverse itself. What it was a year ago, the stalemate will continue."—Associated Press.

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S. A. Q. 18

H. 10 4 3

D. 9 4

C. A. Q. 12

S. 5 3

H. 7 6 2

D. K. Q. 8 3

C. 10 7 3

S. 10 7 4

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D. A. 7 6

C. K. 5

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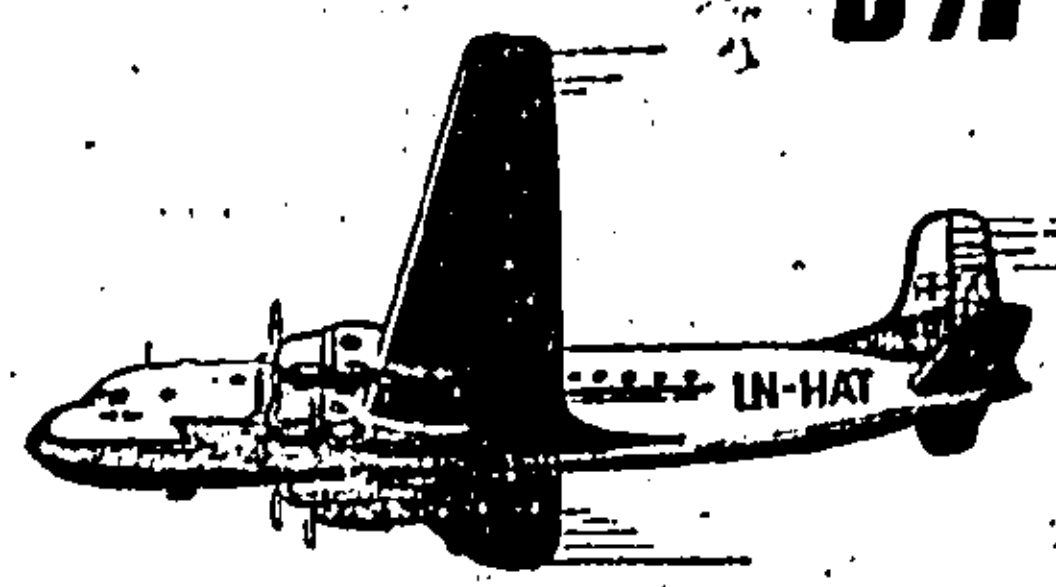
The value of a doubleton and a four-card side suit for trump purposes was well illustrated on this deal. It enabled the heart declarer to beat the No Trumpers. At Table 1, where the club suit had not been shown by North, West decided to lead it. As a consequence that declarer was able to take an extra trick for a top score of 405 points, counting the 300 bonus for game. He won the lead in his own hand, scored the heart A, gave up a heart to the K, won the returned diamond K, eliminated the last trump, used clubs for two diamond discards, and so had to lose only one more trick. To the good K, and the "Where" clubs were bid, as at Table 2, the diamond K was led and so the declarer got a trick in that suit to hold the declarer to exactly game, or 420 points.

One of the two No Trumpers, who bid as shown in Table 3, made his contract. He held up the diamond A until the third round, then played spades to East. Thus he got three tricks in spades, four in clubs and one each in the red suits for exactly game, 400. The other made the risky try of sneaking hearts toward West, thereby getting himself beaten for a cold bottom score.

Yours Next Question

If a player has made a "trap pass" with a big hand, what is his duty later on if his partner gets in the bidding?

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Governor's Remarks On Use Of Lipstick

Expansion Plea For School

"It is with surprise and delight that I see the older girls allowed the use of lipstick, and I wouldn't be surprised if the Director of Education in the near future encourages and includes make-up instruction as part of education," said His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at the Speech Day of Belilios Public School yesterday.

The Director of Education, Mr. T.H. Rowell, after welcoming Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham, said that the test of education was not the passing of the final examination and the gaining of a certificate but how that education was applied after leaving school.

"If it enables you to get the best out of your future life, then your teachers can consider that all the hard work that they have done for you and with you has been worth while."

Miss E.G. Stephen, the Principal, reported steady though slow progress in most phases of the school life. Hundreds of applicants had had to be turned away, she said. In spite of the great demand for education, girls too often were kept away for an odd day or so for trivial reasons.

Planning Year

Thirteen girls in Senior 3 sat for the School Leaving Certificate and six passed. "We are not satisfied with this result, which is not up to pre-war standard. The main reason is that girls in the upper classes, owing to the four-year gap in their education, have not yet reached their usual standard. Another cause might be the few European teachers in the school and the frequent changes of teachers."

"The top girl in Junior 3 was awarded a Government External Scholarship for three years, the top girl in the other classes a Government Internal Scholarship for one year, 12 were given Woo Hay Tong Scholarships, and one girl the Belilios Old Girls Association scholarship."

"Cinderella School" — Miss Stephen said last year was a planning year. Plans were drawn for a science laboratory and a domestic science room and work had begun. They had 17 classes already and there was room for expansion. Libraries had been organised in the three senior classes and a start had been made with a Chinese library.

From March until the summer holidays each girl was given a bottle of milk daily, and biscuits were provided at 10 cents for six.

Miss Stephen concluded: "The Belilios Public School has long been the 'Cinderella' school in the Colony. The neighbourhood of the pre-war building had deteriorated into one of the noisiest and dirtiest slums, entirely unsuitable for a school. The neighbourhood of this school is far more suitable but the building is too small and there is no playground space. We feel anxious hearing of plans for expansion of classroom accommodation and playing grounds of other girls' schools already better off than we are, and hope it will not be too long before the Government Girls' School is as adequately provided for in these respects."

His Excellency the Governor, after referring to instruction to girls in make-up, congratulated Miss Stephen on the progress made under such difficult circumstances. He assured them that everything possible would be done for the school in the coming year.

Besides His Excellency and Lady Grantham those present included the Hon. Mr. R.R. Todd and Mrs. Todd, Hon. Mr. S.N. and Mrs. Chan, Hon. Mr. T.N. Chau, Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Rowell, Mr. O'Connor, Captain Wilson, Miss Macneil, Mr. Morgan, Miss Gray, Mr. & Mrs. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. J. Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Dyer, Mr. Morahan, Miss Swift, Miss Atkins, Miss Thom, Miss Silcock, Mr. & Mrs. Wai, Miss Yau, Mrs. Herklotz, Miss Hurrell, Dr. Lai, Mr. J. Masson, Forester, Miss Heang and Mr. I.S. Wan.

Prizes

Lady Grantham distributed certificates and prizes to the following: — Senior 3: School Leaving Certificate and prize, Cheung Kan, Lee Mo Yung, Leung Chee Shung, Sun Mo Wai, Yui Kwan Yik, Yeung Shui Woon.

Senior 2: — Government Internal Scholarship and prize Tung Yuen Wah, Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and prize Yung Kit, "O" Woo Hay Tong Scholarship Lillian Ng.

Senior 1: — Government Internal Scholarship and prize Tui Sau Cheung, Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and prize Chai Ching, Woo Hay Tong Scholarship Chai Shook Yin.

Junior 3: — Government External Scholarship and prize Chan Hang Wan, Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and prize Betty Ng, Woo Hay Tong Scholarship Poon Pui Wah.

Junior 2: — Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and prize Cheng Wai Chung, Second prize Hui Kam Tong.

Junior 1: — Government Internal Scholarship and prize Chiu Lai King, Second prize Chan Pik Yee, Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and prize Chan Joy Yin.

Primary 6: — Government Internal Scholarship and prize Li Yuen Ying, Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and prize Lau Mei Yung, Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and prize Cheung Mei Yee.

Primary 5: — Government Internal Scholarship and prize Hung Chi, Second prize Cheung Chor Wa.

Primary 4: — Prize Law Cheuk Fun.

Primary 3: — Government Internal Scholarship and prize Lau Mo Yung, Second prize Cheung Miu Sheung, Li Yuen Yung.

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JAP PAPER FOR H.K.

Tokyo, Dec. 1. — One million two hundred thousand pounds of high-grade newsprint will shortly be exported to East Asiatic countries, the Japanese Government's Board of Trade announces. The recipients will be Hong Kong, India, The Netherlands East Indies, French Indo-China and other South Sea countries. Arrangements are now being made for the allocation of 10,000 tons of chemicals, etc., for manufacture of newsprint in Japan. — Reuter.

MANILA BLAZE

Manila, Dec. 1. — Fire caused more than US\$ 150,000 damage to several small business places on Escolta, Manila's main business street, early yesterday.

The cause of the fire, which started in Mirani Department Store at the corner of Escolta and Nueva Streets, has still not yet been determined. — United Press.

U.S. Troops In Italy

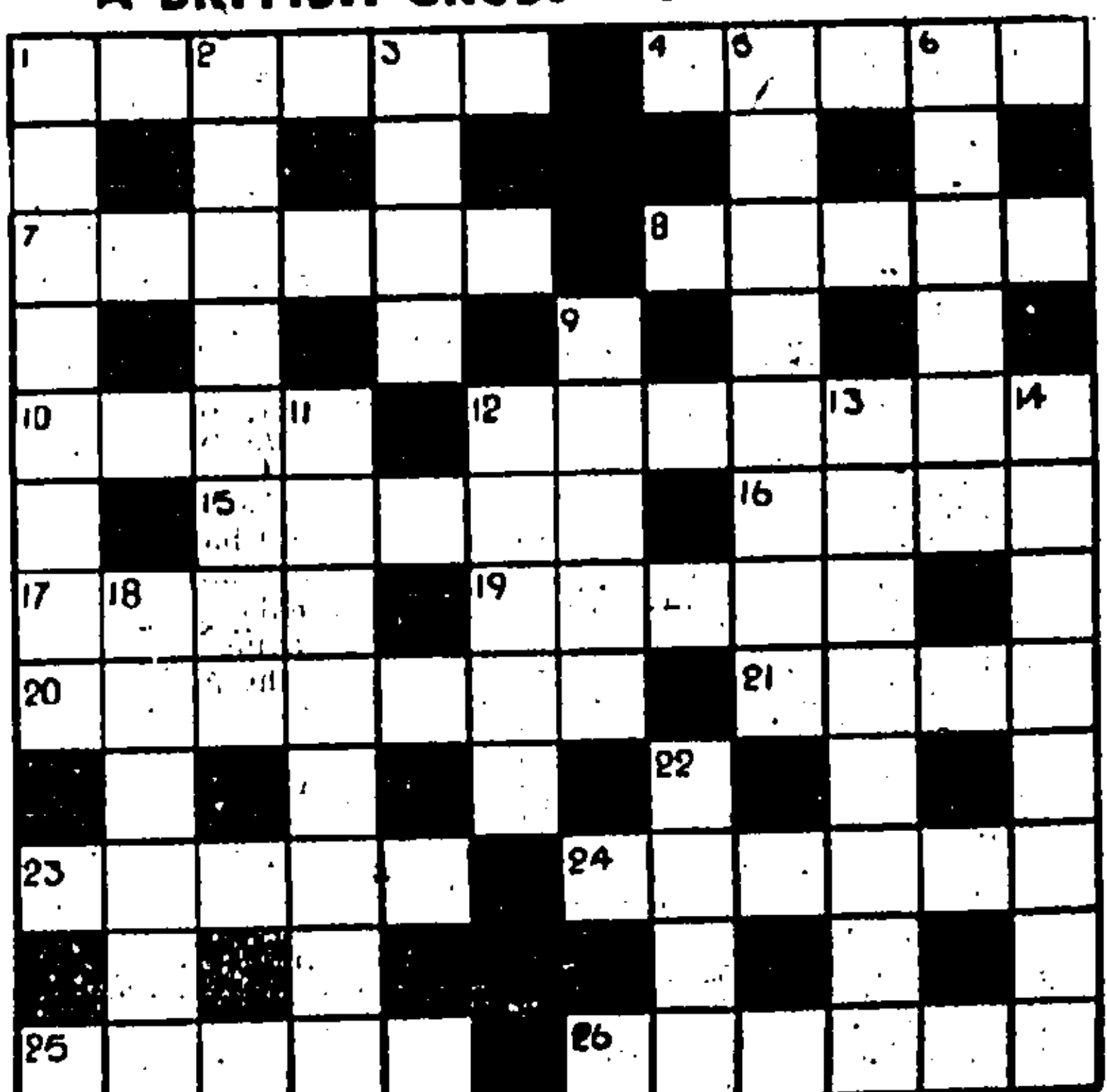
ROME, NOV. 30. — THE DEPARTURE OF 2,500 AMERICAN TROOPS IN ITALY, PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY ON THE TROOPSHIP ADMIRAL SIMS, HAS BEEN DELAYED FOR A FEW DAYS OWING TO TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES, A SPOKESMAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY SAID TODAY.

He added, however, that the troops would be evacuated according to the terms of the Italian peace treaty which provided for the evacuation of Allied troops within 90 days of the formal ratification of the treaty.

The Italian peace treaty was ratified on Sept. 15.

The English-language newspaper in Rome, the Daily American, today quoted a United States Army spokesman as saying that the departure of the troops had been postponed "indefinitely." — Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Small swelling
- 4 Optical glass
- 7 Commission
- 8 Drive
- 10 Deposited
- 12 Madman
- 15 At no time
- 16 Vacillate
- 17 Expires

Clues Down

- 1 Prevent
- 2 Disciplinary
- 3 Solitary
- 5 Fortifications
- 6 Money
- 9 Sensational
- 11 Earned
- 12 Flat
- 13 Imparting knowledge
- 14 Mercy
- 18 Urge on
- 22 Bill of fare

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: — 3 Mortgage, 8 Tomorrow, 9 Leased, 11 Conveniences, 12 Fair, 13 Strip, 18 Seal, 19 Rare, 22 Pinafore.

Down: — 1 Association, 2 Scholarship, 3 prize, 4 Lee Chun, 5 Buan, 6 Primary, 7 Government, 8 Internal, 9 Scholarship, 10 prize, 11 Shu Koon Fun, 12 Second, 13 prize, 14 Sin Bo Ling, 15 Primary, 16 First, 17 prize, 18 Lau, 19 Pik, 20 Sheung, 21 Second, 22 prize, 23 To Yee Lo, 24 Primary, 25 Government, 26 Internal, 27 Scholarship, 28 prize, 29 Ho Pak Mei, 30 Second, 31 prize, 32 Hung Mei Ling, 33 Primary, 34 First, 35 prize, 36 Li Yin King, 37 Second, 38 prize, 39 Law Chui Fung, 40 Pung Lai, 41 Kuen, 42 Primary, 43 Government, 44 Internal, 45 Scholarship, 46 prize, 47 Lau Mo Yung, 48 Second, 49 prize, 50 Cheung Miu Sheung, 51 Li, 52 Yuen Yung.

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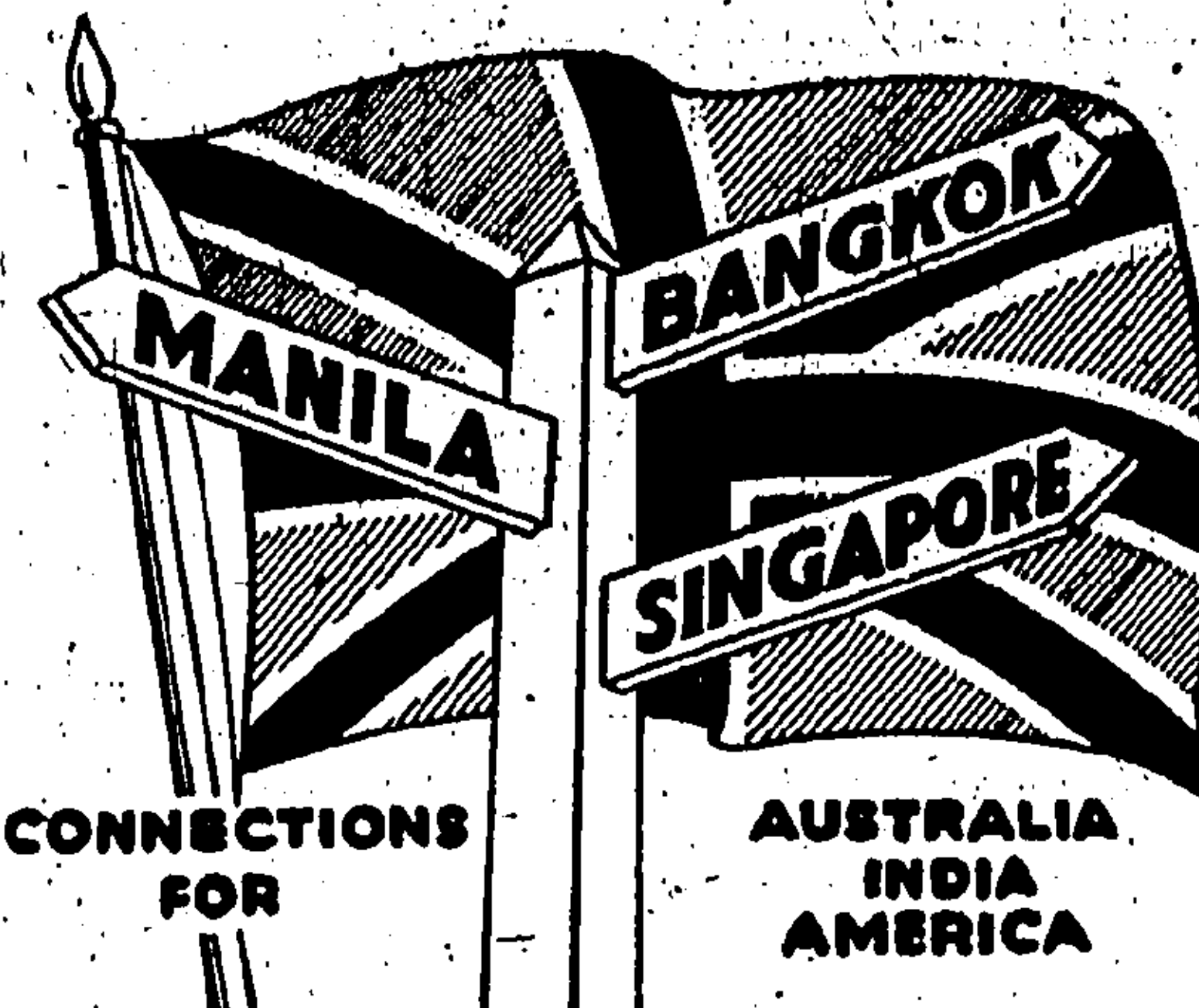
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ARRIVALS FROM
 Dec. 4, BOAC, (Capt. Scandling), 2.10 p.m.
 Singapore & Bangkok:
 Dec. 5, CPA, 3 p.m.
 Dec. 6, BOAC, (Capt. McGregor), 2.10 p.m.
 Dec. 7, CPA, 3 p.m.

MANILA:
 Dec. 2, CPA, 12 noon.
 Dec. 4, CPA, 12 noon.
 Shanghai:
 Dec. 2, CNAC, (DC4), 10.45 a.m.
 Dec. 3, H.K. Airways, (Capt. Ballantine), 3.30 p.m.
 Dec. 4, CNAC, (DC4), 10.45 a.m.

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